

After writing to you from
New York, I rec'd such impor-
tunate letters from Virginia
that, as one friend there was
in such a precarious state
of health that I might never
see her again - that I decided
to go down at once & did so -
spending a very happy week.
This invalid friend had knit-
ted a shoulder-lape as a Xmas
present for me. Her niece was
knitting some also & I thought
of you & Eva & that it would
be just the thing that would
suit your cold climate. I had
one sent to Kelley like that of
Eva's & yours is like mine.
I am pleased to hear that they
arrived in time & that you both
like, & will find them useful.
If Sir William could wear

one; he should have it - but
as it would not be suitable
I know he will take the inten-
tion for the fulfillment,

After returning to New York,
& a few days there, I left for
my home at Clowesley & mine
on the 13th in a blinding snow-
storm. But I was so busy arrang-
ing for final departure, that
I had little time to think of the
weather - which soon turned warm
& ^{the snow} entirely disappeared before the
20th when I started for home
& am this far on my journey.

I have enjoyed not only the visit
with my Brother's family here
but especially the Xmas festivals
in the Moravian Church & all its
Sunday schools - several of them
being Missions. If you are fond
of Sacred music, I think you
would have enjoyed being here.

It forms a large part of the service
not like the R. Catholic or Ep. church
but anthems & hymns, & these are
as old as their church & the
music is the same grand old
harmony that we associate with
the times of Martin Luther. The
S. S. children had in their Cantatas
the story of Bethlehem & recited
the prophecies which pointed to
the advent of Emanuel, thus fixing
in their minds great Bible truths,
singing ^{with} also a large part of their
training, believing as the Moravians
do, that music exerts a refining &
religious influence on these - many
of them - poor factory employees
as well as smaller children.

I have just received a letter from
Mrs. Crow. She & Maggie are going
to spend some time in Dresden.

Arthur sails from N. Y. on the 4th
on the "Etruria".

I hope you all - especially the children
fully realized all their Xmas hopes
& wishes. I thank you very much